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SUBJECT: FRG AMB. ELLERKMANNREPORTS ON NEW SOVIET

AMBASSADOR AND NEW SOVIET INITIATIVES IN

UGANDA

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM FRG AMBASSADOR
ELLERKMANN HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE EMBASSY FROM THE
FONOFF FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: 1. SOVIETS IN RECENT WEEKS DEVELOPED
ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS FIELDS TO REGAIN FORMER POSITION.

2. NEW CHARGE D'AFFAIRES KOMAROV CALLED ON PRESIDENT
AMIN TWICE TO DISCUSS ANGOLA AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.
AS WAS REPORTED IN PRESS AMIN THANKED SOVIET UNION FOR
ASSISTANCE IT HAS GIVEN TO UGANDA AND OTHER AFRICAN
COUNTRIES, "WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
FREEDOM." HE ALSO THANKED THE SOVIETS "FOR SUPPORT
TO ARABS STRUGGLING AGAINST ZIONISM AND TO SOUTH EAST
AFRICAN COUNTRIES FIGHTING IMPERIALISTS AND NEO-
COLONIALISTS." AMIN ASSURED KOMAROV THAT HE WOULD
STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN UGANDA AND THE SOVIET

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UNION AND WAS READY TO DISCUSS IN WHICH FIELDS

BOTH COUNTRIES CAN COOPERATE MORE. ON ANGOLA AMIN
TOLD KOMAROV THAT UNITA AND FNLA SHOULD UNITE UNDER NETO
AND REFRAIN FROM GUERILLA WARFARE.

3. KOMAROV, WHO IS AN EXPERIENCED AND ABLE DIPLOMAT, IN
SHORT TIME GAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF HIGH RANKING
OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE NEAR AMIN. HE IS, COMPARED
WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR ZACHAROV, SMOOTH AND POLITE,
WHILE NEVERTHELESS DETERMINED AND EFFICIENT.

4. THE SOVIETS ALSO HAVE BECOME ACTIVE IN PUBLIC
RELATIONS. ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS
TELEVISION BROADCASTS WERE AIRED ON THREE EVENINGS
ABOUT LIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION FEATURING INTERVIEWS
WITH FIRST SECRETARY OF SOVIET EMBASSY ON POLITICAL
ISSUES. THE SOVIETS ALSO TRY TO ATTRACT PUBLIC
ATTENTION WITH EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS.
END TEXT.
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